

The Post 9/11 GI Bill Overview



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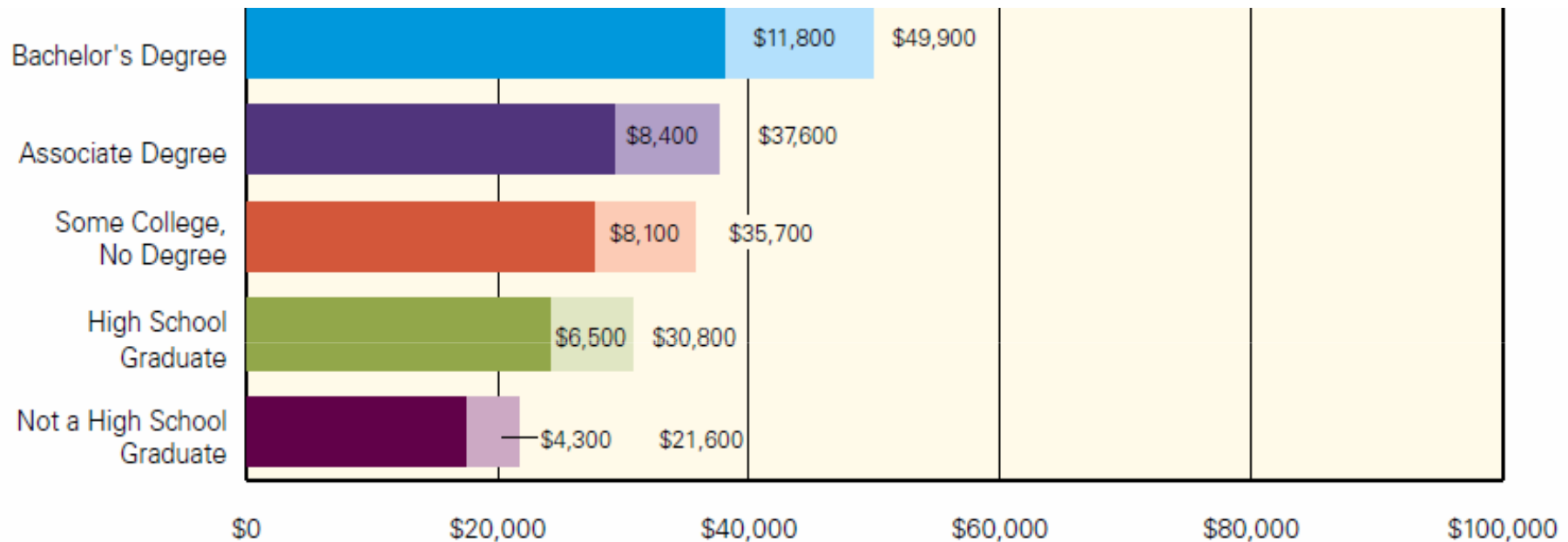


Take Aways


- 36 months of benefit with payments scaled based on months of active duty
- Post 9/11 GI Bill pays for:
 - Tuition and Fees Charged
 - Monthly Housing Allowance
 - Stipend for Books and Supplies
- Veterans who applied in May for Fall Semester Classes should expect to see the first payments this month



Why College? Earnings by Level of Education



- In 2003, the typical full-time year-round worker in the United States with a four-year college degree earned \$49,900, 62 percent more than the \$30,800 earned by the typical full-time year-round worker with only a high school diploma.


AFTER-TAX INCOME TAXES PAID



Comparison of GI Bills

<i>Type of Training</i>	<i>Post-9/11 GI Bill (CH33)</i>	<i>Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB, CH30)</i>	<i>Montgomery GI Bill – Reserves (CH1606)</i>	<i>Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) (CH1607)</i>
IHL in residence	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IHL online only & Distance/Internet Training	Yes Limits to Housing Allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-College Degree Program	Yes when at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes
OJT & Apprenticeship Training	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flight Training	Maybe, if at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes
Correspondence	Maybe, if at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes
Licensing & Certification	Yes, limit one test	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Testing Programs	Maybe, if at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes
Entrepreneurship Training	Maybe, if at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accelerated Payment	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Co-op Training	Maybe, if at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes
Work-Study Program	Maybe, if at IHL	Yes	Yes	Yes

Post-9/11 GI Bill Eligibility Criteria

- Individuals with active duty service after 09/10/01 who:
 - ❑ Serve a period of at least 90 aggregate days (or 30 days and a disability discharge)
- Be honorably discharged from active service; or
- Be discharged or released for:
 - ❑ Injury Existing Prior to Service (EPTS),
 - ❑ Hardship (HDSP), or
 - ❑ Condition Interfered with Service (CIWD).
- Or still on active duty



Period of Eligibility

- Chapter 33 benefits can be paid for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009. No payments may be made for training pursued before that date.
- You may use the benefits up to 15 years from last qualifying active duty period



Approved Programs

- Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs
- Programs Montgomery GI Bill when offered at an Institutes of Higher Learning (ILH)/Degree Granting Institutions
 - Examples: University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Cochise Community College
- Programs MGIB, MGIB-SR, and REAP not offered at ILHs can not be pursued with Post 9/11 GI Bill
 - i.e. flight, correspondence, APP/OJT, preparatory courses, and national tests)



What if you are eligible for Montgomery GI BILL (MGIB), MGIB-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), or Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)?

- Can continue to receive benefits under the MGIB, MGIB-SR and REAP
- Must make an *irrevocable* election to move from those programs to Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- MGIB: your entitlement to the Post-9/11 GI Bill will be equal to the number of months you have remaining under MGIB.
 - However, if all 36 months of MGIB benefits are exhaust then students are eligible for 12 additional months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- MGIB-SR and REAP: Eligible to may use a combined total of 48 months of entitlement. For example: If you have used 20 months under REAP, you may be eligible for 28 months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



Post-9/11 GI Bill Eligibility

Service Member's Aggregate Months of Service	% of Maximum Benefit they are eligible to receive
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40



Tuition and Fees Charged

- What is paid for?
 - ❑ Tuition and fees charged; or
 - ❑ Highest amount of tuition and fees charged for full-time, undergraduate training at a public IHL in the State the student is attending.
 - Arizona \$657.00 per credit, max \$15,000.59 per term
 - ❑ Tuition and Fee payments are paid to the school on behalf of the veteran, overpayments for Tuition and Fees will be charged to the veteran.
 - ❑ The student is responsible for any overpayment incurred as a result of not completing courses.



Average Yearly Cost for Local Schools

University of Arizona

Tuition	\$6,090
Room/Board	\$2,768
Books/Supplies	\$1,000
Travel	\$2,648
Miscellaneous	\$2,368
TOTAL	\$14,874

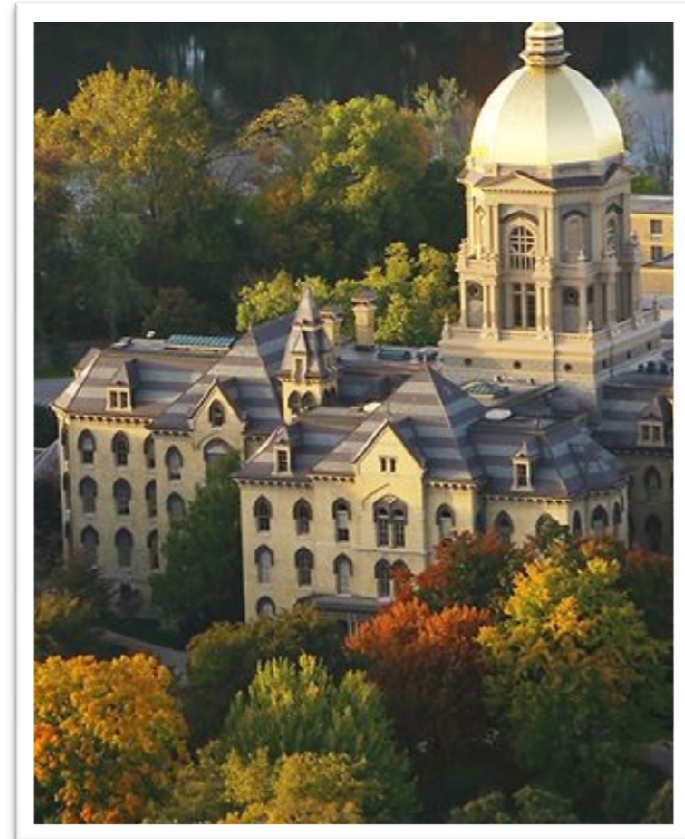
Pima Community College

In-state tuition and fees:	\$1,685
Books and supplies:	\$2,000
Estimated personal expenses:	\$2,520
Transportation expense:	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$7705



Yellow Ribbon Program

- Degree-granting institutions voluntarily enter into agreement with VA to fund tuition costs above the highest in-state public undergraduate tuition rate.
 - ❑ VA will match each additional dollar that an institution contributes toward an eligible student's tuition costs, up to 50 percent of the difference between the student's tuition benefit and the total cost of tuition and mandatory fees.
 - ❑ Only individuals entitled to the 100 percent benefit rate (based on service requirements) may receive this funding.
 - ❑ Individuals receiving transferred benefits from a service member may also be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program



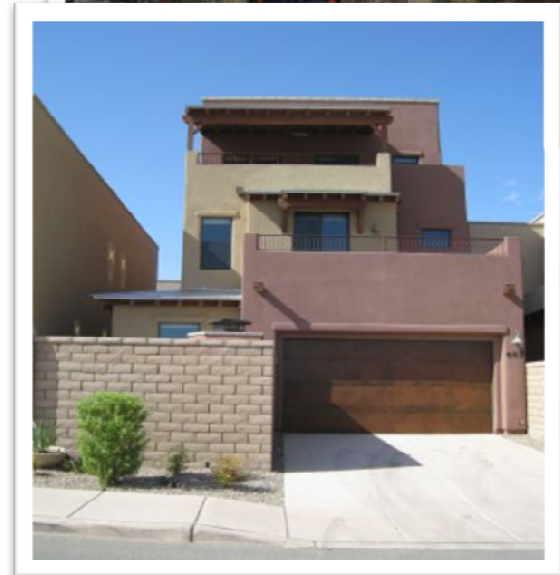
Yellow Ribbon Colleges in the Area

Name of College	Location	Division or School	Number of Students	School Contribution Amount (Per Student/Per Year)
Apollo College - Tucson	Tucson	All	Unlimited	\$2,625.00
Arizona State University	All	All	500	\$6,000.00 Undergraduate, \$10,000.00 Graduate
The Art Institute of Tucson	Tucson	All	Unlimited	\$500.00
Brown Mackie College	Tucson	All	Unlimited	\$3,000.00
Bryan College	Rogers	All	Unlimited	\$6,000.00
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	All other AZ Campuses	All	20000 Nationwide	\$75,000.00
ITT Technical Institute	Tucson	All	Unlimited	\$99,999.00
Troy University	Davis-Monthan AFB	Undergraduate	2000	\$2,145.00
Troy University	Davis-Monthan AFB	Graduate	2000	\$2,955.00
The University of Arizona	Tucson	All	250	\$6,000.00 Undergraduate, \$10,000.00 Graduate, \$10,000.00 Doctoral
University of Phoenix - Southern Arizona	Tucson	Undergraduate	Unlimited	\$1,000.00
University of Phoenix - Southern Arizona	Tucson	Graduate	Unlimited	\$1,000.00
Western International University - Ft. Huachuca	Ft. Huachuca	All	Unlimited	\$1,000.00 Undergraduate, \$1,000.00 Graduate



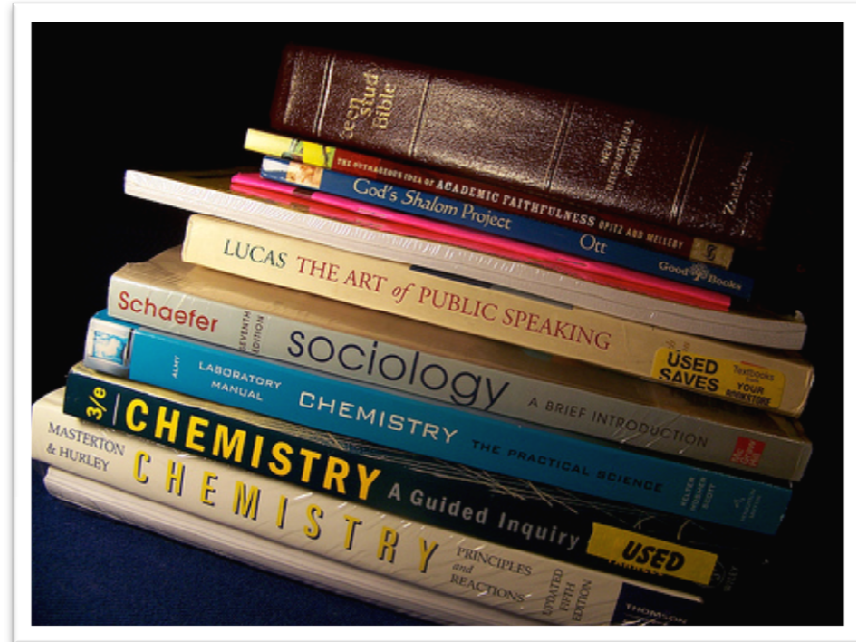
Monthly Housing Allowance

- Equivalent to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents
 - ❑ Amount determined by zip code of the IHL where the student is enrolled
 - ❑ Prorated based on the percentage of the maximum benefit payable
 - ❑ Active duty and anyone training at ½ time or less, and those pursuing distance learning are not eligible for the monthly housing allowance
- U of A
 - ❑ Tucson, AZ 85719: \$1082.00 per month, E-5 with dependents
- Cochise Community College:
 - ❑ Sierra Vista, AZ 85635: \$ 975.00 per month, E-5 with dependents



Books and Supplies Stipend

- Up to \$1,000 per year
 - ❑ Prorated based on the percentage of the maximum benefit payable
- Paid proportionally for each quarter, semester or term attended.
- Active duty members are not eligible
 - ❑ *U of A Financial Aid website states average yearly book cost is \$1000*



Transfer of Entitlement to Family Members

- Those serving on or after August 1, 2009 with 6 years of service will be eligible to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill provided they agree to serve an *additional four years*.
- However, special provisions apply servicemembers become eligible for retirement between August 1, 2009 and August 1, 2013:
 - ❑ Those eligible for retirement and who have an approved retirement date on or after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010 = *no additional service requirement*.
 - ❑ Those eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009 and August 1, 2010, and *do not have and approved retirement date* = *one additional year of service*.
 - ❑ Those eligible for retirement between August 1, 2010, and July 31, 2011 = *two additional year of service*.
 - ❑ Those eligible to retire between August 1, 2011, and July 31, 2012 = *three additional year of service*.



Student Experience Timeline

- *May 1, 2009:* VA begins processing applications for Certificates of Eligibility (C of E). The VA will mail the C of E to the Veteran. Veteran enrolls at an IHL and provides C of E to their school.
- *July 6, 2009:* The VA begins accepting enrollment information from schools. And begins processing claims.
- *August 2009:* The VA will notify the student of tuition and fee payment amounts, book stipend payment amounts, monthly housing payment amount, of the need to notify VA of changes in enrollment, and of any obligation to repay any benefits resulting from changes in enrollment.
- *August 3, 2009:* The VA makes the first installment tuition and fees payments to schools. The VA also pays the first installment of the books and supplies stipend to student.
- *September 1, 2009:* The VA pays partial housing allowance for August school attendance .
- *October 1, 2009:* The VA pays the first full monthly housing allowance.



Choosing Between MGIB and Post 9/11 GI Bill What should a vet consider?

- Which VA benefit pays you more?
 - Are they receiving other aid?
 - Examples: tuition free attendance, state or campus aid, etc.
 - Will entitlement to that aid change?
 - What Post 9/11 GI Bill percentage are you eligible for?
- What type of training are you planning to pursue?
 - Is that training allowed under the Post 9/11 GI Bill?
 - Distance Learning = no housing allowance
- Do you have remaining entitlement under other VA Education Programs?
 - Use that entitlement before using Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Do you desire to attend school at half-time or less rate = no housing allowance



References

GI Bill Website: www.gibill.va.gov

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